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Patent  
Attorney's Docket No. 016499-777

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of	)	<b>MAIL STOP: RCE</b>
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Martin Theriault, et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 3729
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Application No.: 09/698,817	)	Examiner: Thiem D. Phan
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Filed: October 26, 2000	)	Confirmation No.: 6414
	)	
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR	)	
MAINTAINING A DRY ATMOSPHERE	)	
IN A SURFACE MOUNT DEVICE	)	
PLACEMENT MACHINE	)	

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**AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Sir:

Enclosed is an Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (RCE) responding to the Office Action of January 31, 2003, for the above-identified patent application.

- ☒ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and the ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.
- ☒ Also enclosed is/are Acknowledgment Postcard; check for \$1196 (\$750 for RCE fee; \$336 for excess claims fee; \$110 for 1-month Extension of Time fee.
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☒ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$375.00 (2801) ☒ \$750.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_\_, on \_\_\_, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least \_\_\_, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.
- ☐ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☒ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

A M E N D E D   C L A I M S					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADD'T'L FEE
Total Claims	44	MINUS 30 =	14	× \$18.00 (1202) =	252
Independent Claims	5	MINUS 4 =	1	× \$84.00 (1201) =	84
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (1203)					0
Total Amendment Fee					336
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$336.00

☒ A claim fee in the amount of \$ 336 is enclosed.

☐ Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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Respectfully submitted,

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